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Amateur Radio Newsline report number 1771 with a release date of Friday, July 22 2011 to follow in 5-4-3-2-1.

The following is a Q-S-T. Another conviction in the highjacking of a yacht that lead to the death of three United States hams; a South Dakota radio amateur looses his life in a tower dismantling accident; South Sudan becomes a sovereign nation recognized by the U-N as well as amateur radio; ham radio bids farewell to the space shuttle and Media Network re-releases the Hitch Hikers Guide to DXing. What is that you ask? Find out on an extended Amateur Radio Newsline(tm) report number 1771 coming your way right now.

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RADIO JUSTICE: YEMENI MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN HIGHJACKING THAT RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF THREE HAMS

A Yemeni man pleaded guilty to acts of piracy on Thursday, July 14th in connection to his role in the hijacking of a yacht off the coast of east Africa that resulted in the deaths of four Americans including three ham radio operators. Amateur Radio Newsline's Norm Seeley, KI7UP, has the details.

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As previously reported here on Newsline, Scott Adam, K9ESO, and his wife Jean, KF6RVB, along with Bob Riggle, KE7IIV, and Phyllis Macay were on board the yacht Quest off the coast of Oman when pirates boarded their vessel on Friday, February 18th. Officials were in the process of negotiating for their release when gunfire was heard around 1 a.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, February 22. United States forces responded and then boarded the Quest. It was then that they discovered that all four hostages had been shot by the high seas bandits. Despite immediate steps to provide life-saving care, all four hostages ultimately succumb to their wounds.

Now, one of the alleged pirates identified as 23 year old Mounir Ali has accepted a plea bargain by U.S. District Judge Mark Davis, where he plead guilty to taking part in the armed hijacking. Ali claimed that he and four other men from Yemen were crew members aboard another vessel that was pirated by Somalis earlier in February. But prosecutors say that Ali willingly elected to join the pirates in return for a share of the ransom money. However they also say that he did not personally shoot nor did he instruct anyone to shoot any of the four Americans.

For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Norm Seeley, KI7UP, in Scottsdale,

Arizona.

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Ali is the 11th person convicted in relation to the highjacking and murders of the four Americans on-board the Quest. Sentencing is scheduled for October 21st. (Published news reports)

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RADIO SAFETY: RADIO AMATEUR KILLED IN TOWER COLLAPSE ACCIDENT

A Hot Springs, South Dakota ham radio operator was killed and another seriously injured Saturday, July 16th. This after a communications tower they were helping dismantle was blown over by a gust of wind.

According to Fall River County emergency manager Frank Maynard, Tim Anderson, K0OR, died of his injuries at Rapid City Regional Hospital shortly after arriving by Life Flight helicopter. The second man, Tom Embree, NC0K, also of Hot Springs, was also flown to Rapid City Regional Hospital where surgery was performed Sunday. He remains in serious condition.

The men were helping their amateur radio club remove a 110 foot high tower on the top of a near-by peak known as Gull Hill. The tower was no longer in use, and the owner had offered it to the radio club, which was going to move it to a new location.

News reports say that several other radio club members were on the ground at the time of the accident. They had taken down all but the final 30 foot section of the tower and were just beginning to release some guy wires when a gust of wind blew the tower over with the two men still on it and then collapsed on them.

Both Anderson and Embree are members of the Hot Springs Amateur Radio Club. Hot Springs is located about 60 miles south of Rapid City. At the time of his death, Anderson was the club's president. (KELO, other published news reports)

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WORLDBEAT: SOUTH SUDAN BECOMES SOVEREIGN ENTITY - ADDED TO DXCC AND CQ DX AWARDS

The Republic of South Sudan is now the world's newest country and as expected, it became the 193rd member of the United Nations on July 14th. It also became a new DXCC entity on the same date and was also added to CQ DX Awards Countries List as entity number 342.

Meantime, the latest news regarding the planned South Sudan operation by the combined DX Friends and Intrepid DX Groups is that the two groups were to meet in Cairo on July 21st. On July 22nd, they planned to fly to Juba which is the capital of the South Sudan. As we go to air on the 23rd, they were to meet with the Ministry of Communications to amend licenses to whatever new I-T-U prefix is assigned to the South Sudan. If all goes as the DX'ers hope they expect to take to the

airwaves sometime between July 23rd or as late as the 25th. The operation will continue until August 10th.

For the latest details on this upcoming South Sudan operation keep an eye on www.dxfriends.com/SouthernSudan2011. We will have more DX news later on in this weeks Amateur Radio Newsline report. (DX Friends)

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RADIO LAW: HAMS IN FLANDERS (BELGIUM) NOW COVERED BY RADIATION LIMIT LAWS

The administration of the Flanders (Belgium) area in Northern Europe has now included ham radio operators in its restrictive public safety radio frequency Specific Absorption Rate or SAR Ministerial Decree. A law enacted only this past January 26th. Frank Haas, KB4T, is here with the details on the position the this puts hams in the region into:

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The law was originally directed at telecommunications system operators to protect the public from what some consider dangerous RF levels.

It now appears that radio amateurs in the Flanders region must also observe the same standards and obligations and pay the same annual fee as their commercial counterparts. In addition they will be subject to the same government oversight and can face the same fines or imprisonment for infractions and violations of the new Flanders Specific Absorption Rate standard.

Radio amateurs in Flanders will soon have to apply for a certificate of conformity for their station and presumably re-apply whenever the station configuration changes. This costs about 75 Euros or $105 U.S. dollars.

In an application, a ham must supply a complete station location plan; an installation plan of antennas and an installation plan of the entire station site. Also required will be an overall safety analysis plan; a station elevation plan and an overall cross-section layout diagram.

In simpler terms Flanders hams will have to file what amounts to a complete engineering and electromagnetic impact study anytime even a minor station change takes place.

Still unknown is what impact the law will have on mobile, portable and hand-held operations by Flanders area hams.

For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Frank Haas, KB4T, in Holly Hill, Florida.

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More on this rather radical law, most in the Flemish language, is now on line at thesw various web locations: Antenna File in Google English -http://tinyurl.com/BelgiumAntennaFile; SAR-Vlaanderen Facebook page (in Flemish) http://nl-nl.facebook.com/pages/;

SAR-Vlaanderen/165726696825269; Joke Schauvliege Minister of Environment, Nature and Culture at http://tinyurl.com/JokeSchauvliege and the Royal Union of Belgian Radio Amateurs (UBA) http://tinyurl.com/BelgiumUBA) (Southgate, UBA, others)

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RADIO LAW: RECONROBOTICS ENTERS CONSENT DECREE WITH FCC TO END INVESTIGATION BROUGHT ON BY ARRL COMPLAINT

ReconRobotics has entered a Consent Decree agreement with the FCC where it will make whats termed as a voluntary contribution of $17,000 to the United States Treasury. This, to end an FCC investigation in response to a complaint filed by the ARRL.

Back in 2010 the ARRL had alleged that ReconRobotics had violated Section 302a(b) of the Communications Act and Section 2.803 of the Commission's rules regarding the manufacturing, marketing, distributing and selling of radio frequency transmitters in the United States. In the complaint the ARRL alleged that ReconRobotics had unlawfully marketed a remote-controlled, maneuverable surveillance robot called the Recon Scout which operates in the 430 to 448 MHz band to public safety agencies and certain security personnel prior to the grant of a necessary waiver.

The FCC granted a waiver to ReconRobotics in 2010 to allow public safety licensees to operate the device in a portion of the 70 centimeter band that's shared with ham radio operations. To date, no license applications have been granted by the Commission for the device and the ARRL has petitioned to deny all applications that have been or might be filed. (ARRL)

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>From the United States of America, We are the Amateur Radio Newsline, heard on bulletin stations around the world including the W0EF repeater serving Minneapolis, Minnesota

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COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS: REMEMBERING THE FIRST DECADE SINCE 911

This coming September 11th will be the 10th anniversary of the al-Queda backed terrorist attacks of September 11th of 2001. These attacks felled the two World Trade Center tower buildings in New York City and damaged the Pentagon when radical Islamic extremists high-jacked four United States flag carrier jetliners and crashed them into the two structures. Over 3000 American citizens were killed as well as a number of foreign nationals who worked in the twin towers buildings.

Over the years there have been several ham radio operations in remembrance of those whose lives were lost in this senseless and wanton carnage. With this being the first decade anniversary of the September 11th, 2001 tragedy, we here at the Amateur Radio Newsline are trying to compile a list of radio clubs and individual hams who are planning any form of amateur radio memorial operation to honor those whose lives were lost that day. If you have plans to commemorate 911, please drop us an e-mail to newsline at arnewsline dot org and let us know all of the details. We in turn will list as many as we can on our website at www.arnewsline.org.

Those whose lives were lost on 911 deserve to be remembered. We will do our part by providing web-space to list ham radio commemorative activities. It's up to you to do the rest. (ARNewsline)

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ON THE NET: FIRST LIVE REMOTE BROADCAST OF BOB HEIL'S HAM NATION ON JULY 26

If you are hearing this newscast before Tuesday, July 26th, be certain to tune into Bob Heil, K9EID, show Ham Nation for its first live out of studio remote broadcast. Bob along with co-host Gordon West, WB6NOA, plan to originate from the historic radio room on board the famed Queen Mary ocean liner. This is a major Southern California attraction moored in Long Beach Harbor.

Their special guest will be Nate Brightman, K6OSC. Brightman is the person generally credited with first bringing the radio room to life as an operational ham radio station with the call sign W6RO several decades ago.

Ham Nation airs live on Leo LaPorte's Twit internet television network every Tuesday at 9 P.M Eastern time. To tune in simply take your web browser to www dot twit dot tv and click in the tab marked "live." You can also see a replay of the show about 24 hours later by downloading the podcast at www dot twit dot tv. (ARNewsline)

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RADIO SITE NEWS: CALIFORNIA INSTITUTES $150 FIRE PREVENTION FEE

If you own a repeater, a remote base station or even a home in the state of California, a new law signed by Governor Jerry Brown may affect you. Measure ABX1 29 imposes an annual fee of up to a $150 on every habitable structure in the State Responsibility Area or SRA to fund fire prevention activities. The governor said that due to population and development growth in these SRA's, taxpayer borne costs for fire protection have risen in recent decades.

California hams may need a local map to determine whether their repeaters, remote transmitter sites or even their homes are located in an State Responsibility. One fire official notes that, "As written, revenue from the fee would go to CalFire and an equivalent amount of General Funds would be removed from CalFire's budget for no net gain. A copy of ABX1 29 is on line at tinyurl.com/150FireFee. (CGC

Communicator)

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HAM HAPPENINGS: ILLW THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 20 - 21

With only a few weeks to go to the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend, a total of 290 entries have been received but many more expected before the event.

So far this year 13 Lightships are entered mainly from Belgium, England, Germany and the USA. There's also one each in the Netherlands, Sweden and Wales. For those not aware, lightships are a rarer breed of the long-gone era of magnified flashes a light used by ships as they navigated along the coast and around the world.

Since 1998 the 48 hour, third weekend in August event has attracted more than 440 entrants, from some 50 nations. This year the dates are August 20th and the 21st. More information is on the World Wide Web at illw.net. (VK3PC)

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THE SOCIAL SCENE: ARRL MIDWEST CONVENTION IN CEDAR RAPIDS IA. AUG 5 - 7

And the ARRL Midwest Division Convention and Summerfest 2011 will take place August 5th through the 7th in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Events on August 5th and 6th will be held at Clarion Hotel & Convention Center with events for Sunday the 7th to be held at the near-by Teamsters Hall. A convention brochure containing a speakers list, forum line-up, registration form and more is available ob-line at tinyurl.com/cedar-rapids-summerfest. (Press release)

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THE SOCIAL SCENE: RAC AGM AND HAMFEST 2011 IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Radio Amateurs of Canada will hold the eighteenth Annual General Meeting on July 30th in St. John's Newfoundland. The venue is the Battery Hotel and Conference Center at Signal Hill which is also playing host to the concurrent Hamfest 2011 events hosted by the Society of Newfoundland Radio Amateurs. Please visit www.sonra.ca for more details. (RAC)

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THE SOCIAL SCENE: YO0YOA & YO0TSL CELEBRATE YOUTH AND TESLA

Romania's Zamolxes Foundation Radio Club will be operating the special call sign YO0YOA through years end. This, to promote the first youth ham radio organization in Europe known as Youngsters on the Air.

Youngsters on the Air is operated under a grant from Youth in Action and is financed by the European Commission to interest youngsters in amateur radio. Operation of YO0YOA will be on all HF and VHF bands.

Also on the air will be station YO0TSL. This station is to commemorate 155th birthday of famed inventor and researcher Nikola Tesla. (YO9GJX)

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NAMES IN THE NEWS: WB4APR AND THE APRS GOLDEN PACKET TEST

Some names in the news. First up is Bob Bruninga, WB4APR, who invites you to join in the terrestrial annual APRS Golden Packet attempt on Sunday July 24th. This, from Noon to 16:00 hours your local time.

During this test Bob needs hams with Kenwood D700 transceivers to drive or hike to the top of some of the highest mountains in the USA. Then set up as a portable APRS digipeater to see if hams can link a Golden Packet across thousands of miles.

At airtime it is known that there will be an attempt along the Appalachian Trail from Alabama to Maine and another along the Pacific Crest trail from San Diego. California to Seattle, Washington. More information can be found on line at tinyurl.com/APRS-East for eastern states operations and tinyurl.com/APRS-West for operations out West. (WB4APR via VHF Reflector)

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NAMES IN THE NEWS: W5NPR APPOINTED WEST INTERIM TEXAS SM

Bill Roberts, W5NPR, of Alpine, has been appointed as the Interim West Texas Section Manager as of July 8, 2011. Roberts has served as the ARRL West Texas Section Traffic Manager since 2009. He is a past president of the Big Bend Amateur Radio Club and is also active as a back-up net control station for the Big Bend Emergency West Texas ARES Net and a net control station for the National Traffic System's Daytime Region Net 5

ARRL Membership and Volunteer Programs Manager Dave Patton, NN1N, made the appointment in consultation with ARRL West Gulf Division Director David Woolweaver, K5RAV. Roberts will serve as Interim West Texas Section Manager until a Section Manager is declared elected. (ARRL)

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BREAK 2

This is ham radio news for today's radio amateur. From the United States of America, We are the Amateur Radio Newsline with links to the world from our only official website at www.arnewsline.org and being relayed by the volunteer services of the following radio amateur:

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EMERGING TECHNOLOGY: RESEARCHERS DEVELOP ENERGY RECYCLING SENSORS

Researchers at Georgia Tech are tapping RF transmissions from a

television station located half a kilometer from their lab to power a wireless temperature sensor. Amateur Radio Newsline's Bruce Tennant, K6PZW, is in the science center with more:

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A Georgia Tech Research News article said scavenging experiments using TV bands has already yielded power amounting to hundreds of microwatts. It also says that multi-band systems are expected to generate one milliwatt or more. That says researchers is enough to operate many small electronic devices, including a variety of sensors and microprocessors.

The report goes on to note that devices requiring 50 milliwatts or more should be able to be powered by adding super-capacitors across the output of the power system for storage and using cycled operation. The Georgia Tech team is also looking at alternative power for the sensors. The current line of thinking is most likely solar power for daytime operations with the scavenged RF power used at night.

The self-powered wireless sensors are created using ink-jet printers and a special ink containing nanoparticles of silver and/or other material. The researchers have been able to literally print out a combination of sensors, antennas and energy-scavenging capabilities on paper or flexible polymers. The resulting sensors can be used for chemical, biological, heat and stress testing for defense and industry.

For the Amateur Radio Newsline, I'm Bruce Tennant, K6PZW, in Los Angeles.

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So far these energy scavenging devices are able to recycle energy using RF sources ranging from 100 MHz to 15 GHz or higher. More about this breakthrough is on-line at tinyurl.com/recycled-power. (Georgia Tech Research News)

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WORLDBEAT: SAARDT TO UNDERWRITE THE COST OF 5 SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENT HAM RADIO EXAMS

The South African Amateur Radio Development Trust has announced that it is underwriting the cost for a number of students under the age of 25 to take that nations Class A Radio Amateur Exam this October. Through the generous sponsorship of the Tony Reumerman, ZS6AOG and his family, the Trust is able to offer five such financial assistance plans this year. Each includes payment of the examination fee, a one year South African Radio League student membership subscription and tuition fee of 640 South African Rand. The total package is worth about 1000 Rand which is the equivalent of $143 United States dollars at the current international monetary exchange rate. (SARL News)

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RADIO IN SPACE: FIRST EVER ORBITING OF AN ASTEROID ACHIEVED BY RADIO

For the first time in history, a spacecraft from Earth is in orbit around an asteroid and it is radio that has made it happen.

On Monday, July 18th NASA confirmed that its Dawn spacecraft was captured into orbit around the massive asteroid Vesta after a multi-million-mile journey. The entry into orbit occurred while the spacecraft's antenna was pointed away from Earth, so mission controllers had to wait for Dawn to re-establish radio contact to confirm its success.

The capture was estimated to have occurred at 1 a.m on Friday, July 15th when Dawn was 9,900 miles from Vesta and 117 million miles from Earth. According to researchers at the Let Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, this put the intercept inside of the main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

NASA said that after the orbital capture, Dawn sent an initial close-up image taken of the asteroid for navigation purposes. The spacecraft is now being prepared to begin a study of a surface that may date to the earliest era of the solar system, of which Vesta is believed to be a part of. Before the Dawn mission, images of Vesta were obtained by ground- and space-based telescopes but did not show much surface detail. (NASA, Science OnLine)

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HAM RADIO IN SPACE: CELEBRATING THE FINAL US SPACE SHUTTLE FLIGHT

N4S was the callsign of the special events station that was on the air to celebrate the final flight of the United States Space Shuttle program. Operating from a location not far from the Cape Canaveral launch facility, N4S was on the air from launch through landing of the space ship Atlantis on the STS-135 and final mission of the space shuttle program. Take a listen:

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Audio of contact. Hear it by downloading the MP3 file of this weeks newscast at www.arnewsline.org.

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That was recorded here at the Newsline studio on a dipole antenna on a day with pretty poor propagation. N4S used CW, SSB and PSK on 40, 20 and 15 meters along with D-Star using the KJ4OXT repeater.

Those who made contact with N4S are eligible to receive a special commemorative certificate in exchange for their QSL. Send QSL's along with an 8.5 x 11 inch self addressed stamped envelope to the North Brevard Amateur Radio Club, P O Box 1033, Mims, Florida, 32754 (AA4MI)

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HAM RADIO IN SPACE: ISS AND ATLANTIS CAUGHT IN DAYLIGHT VIDEO

And speaking about the final shuttle mission, an amateur astronomer named Scott Ferguson has successfully captured video of the space shuttle Atlantis docked to the International Space Station in broad daylight.

Ferguson used a video camera attached to an 8 inch telescope to capture the event. His video was taken about an hour and a quarter after sunrise. Atlantis is the glowing white object at the top of the ISS. You can also clearly see the solar panels on the space station itself, and get a hint of other structures too.

You can watch this rather exciting and historic video and read more about how it was accomplished by taking your web browser to tinyurl.com/iss-in-daylight. (Discover On-Line via KB4KCH)

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BREAK 3

With lots of news to report this week, we are the Amateur Radio Newsline with links to the world from our only official website at www.arnewsline.org and being relayed by the volunteer services of the following radio amateur:

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HAM RADIO IN SPACE: A LOOK BACK AT THE SHUTTLE AMATEUR RADIO EXPERIMENT

Amateur radio has been an active participant on Space Shuttle flights since STS-9 Now that the shuttle program is at an end, Newsline Producer Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, takes a quick look back at how the shuttle took manned ham radio into space:

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Audio of W5LFL first CQ approaching the US Pacific coast. Hear it by downloading the MP3 file of this weeks newscast at www.arnewsline.org.

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That's what it sounded like on my Icom IC-2AT in the courtyard of the old Metromedia Square building in Hollywood, California that winter evening in 1983 as Astronaut and Mission Specialist Owen Garriott, W5LFL, streaked across the nighttime sky at close to 135 nautical miles above me in the space ship Columbia.

Dr. Garriott was fulfilling a dream that he'd had since before his first trip to orbit aboard Spacelab several years earlier. That was to take a ham radio station with him into space. Now, thanks to some assistance from the late NBC Newsman Roy Neal, K6DUE, the blessings of then NASA Administrator Jess Moore, and an amazing flying machine called the Space Shuttle, it had come to pass.

His first CQ from orbit brought thousands of responses, but the one that he heard best and who became the first United States ham to contact W5LFL was Lance Collister, then WA1JXN, now W7GJ, of Frenchtown Montana. The QSO between the two hams lasted only a few seconds during which ham radio history was made:

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First QSO betweek W5LFL/space mobile and WA1JXN in Montana. Hear it by downloading the MP3 file of this weeks newscast at www.arnewsline.org.

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To get on the air from Columbia Dr. Garriott used a commercial handie talkie that had been modified and programmed for operation on several ham radio frequencies. To get signals out of and back into the orbiting spaceship W5LFL used a specially-designed cavity antenna engineered to fit a specific shuttle window and was held in place with Velcro binders. The antenna, designed by members of the Johnson Space Center Amateur Radio Club was roughly 24 inches in diameter and looked somewhat like a large aluminum cake pan with a piece of coaxial cable running from it to connect it to the hand-held transceiver.

Knowing the number of QSO's would be fast and furious a small cassette recorder was attached to the system to log anyone he heard and anyone he talked to.

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Random QSO space to ground audio. Hear it by downloading the MP3 file of this weeks newscast at www.arnewsline.org.

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In addition to the random QSO's , Garriott also had some interesting pre-arranged contacts. Among others W5LFL was able to speak with the amateur radio club in his hometown of Enid, Oklahoma and with the Johnson Space Center Amateur Radio Club in Houston Texas whose members had helped develop his flight ham station hardware. He also held QSO's with the late Senator Barry M. Goldwater Goldwater and with Jordan's late King Hussein, JY1.
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Contact between W5LFL and JY1: Hear it by downloading the MP3 file of this weeks newscast at www.arnewsline.org.
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Dr. Garriott's ham radio adventure on STS-9 ushered in a host of outstanding outreach activities that in following years that put ham radio onto almost every shuttle mission. It also lead to the creation of the Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment or SAREX program. This was the ground breaking alliance between the ARRL, AMSAT and NASA that over the years enabled astronauts on-orbit to make contact with thousands of school kids as well as to their own families back on Earth. And not only using FM voice. Soon both slow scan Amateur television and packet messaging were a part of SAREX as well. Eventually SAREX went from the Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment to be renamed the Space Amateur Radio

Experiment and then to ARISS - Amateur Radio on the International Space Station. Today, Earth to space station contacts are almost routine. More modern equipment and external antennas in the International Space Station make signals both ways a lot stronger than they were back in 1983 when Dr. Owen Garriott, W5LFL, called that first CQ from the space ship Columbia and ushered in the era of manned ham radio in space. Looking back over the years of ham radio operations from the United States Space Shuttle, I'm Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, in the Newsroom in the City of Angels.

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In all there were five videos made chronicling ham radio on board the United States space shuttles. They live on as a lasting reminder of manned amateur radios first steps into space. (ARNewsline(tm))

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In DX, NQ6K will be active as stroke VY0 from Devon Island in the Canadian high Arctic through August 5th. The crew will be primarily using 20, 15v and 10 meters running PSK31 and RTTY and possibly SSB. Other bands will also be used depending on propagation. Please see devon2011 (dot) nq6k (dot) org for current frequency updates, and contact information.

DD0CW will active from Mongolia as JT1FDB until the first week of August. According to his QRZ.com Web page, he has permission to be active on 160 throgh 6 meters as well as the VHF and UHF bands using all modes, but he prefers CW. QSL via DD0CW.

Some DX slims appear to be on the air. This according to ZL2TZE, informs OPDX that there are pirate stations active claiming to be on Chatham Island using the calls ZL7014 and ZL7PW. ZL2TZE says that there is no current licensed operator with these callsigns listed.

DJ7ZG and DL7AFS will be active as VK9CX from the Cocos Keeling Islands between October 19th and November 9th. No modes or times of operation are yet known. QSL this one via DL7AFS.

Lastly, members of the SV9 DX Team with co-operation of SV5BYR will be active as J45K from Kasos Island during the RSGB Islands on the Air Contest the weekend of July 30th to the 31st. The first team with the equipment will be on the island Tuesday, July 26th. Operations will be on 160 through 2 meters during weekend. QSL via SV9DJO or electronically using Logbook of the World.

(Above from various DX news sources)

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THAT FINAL ITEM: THE HITCHHIKERS GUIDE TO DXING RADIO PARODY RE-RELEASED

And finally this week, it's been thirty years since former Radio

Netherlands Media Network host Jonathan Marks, G8WGN, wrote a parody on international radio broadcasting. One based on his favorite radio series at the time, the Hitch-Hikers Guide to the Galaxy. He called it the Hitchhikers Guide To DX'ing and it was an overwhelming hit when it first aired back in 1980. Heres a quick sample, courtesy of G8WGN:

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Sample audio from Hitch Hikers Guide to DXing. Hear it by downloading the MP3 file of this weeks newscast at www.arnewsline.org.

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As Marks writes in his on-line blog, there seemed to be so much to make fun of at the time because of the boring propaganda at the height of the Cold War. According to Marks, several segments of this classic series are now available for download from the Media Network Vintage Vault at jonathanmarks.libsyn.com. The rest says G8WGN, will follow shortly.

Jonathan also invites everyone to browse through other material stored at the Media Network Vintage Vault and he encourages you to share your stories as well. (ARNewsline(tm))

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For now, with Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, at the editor's desk, I'm David Black, KB4KCH, at the South-East bureau in Birmingham, Alabama, saying 73 and we thank you for listening.

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